## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): P. Bonutti Confirmation No.: 4436

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For: APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR TREATING A FRACTURE OF A BONE

Docket No: 782-A03-009-3

## RESPONSE AFTER FINAL UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Mail Stop AF Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA. 22313-1450

## Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 10, 2008, Applicant hereby submits the following remarks and request for reconsideration.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of this amendment under the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.116(a) in that the remarks below place the application and claims in condition for allowance, or, at least, present the application in better form for appeal. Reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims in view of the following are respectfully requested.